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SMITH'S KIDNEY TONIC--TRY IT. MONTREAL, Jan. 28.—A suspicious looking box was found in the lobby of the postoffice here about 7 o'clock Monday evening.

THE FENIANS IN FRANCE

THE LONDON EXPLOSIONS TO HAVE BEEN FIRED BY A WOMAN, Whose Heart Failed Her at the Last Moment—The Plot Concocted in Paris—A Legacy to the Dynamiters—More Threats—Rochefort Understands.

PARIS, Jan. 28.—The London explosions are the one thing talked of in Paris. Hitherto the French had taken the Irish dynamiters no more seriously than their own anarchists, but now that it has become clear that they are in earnest, they arouse proportionate interest.

It is said the regular colony of Irish-American dynamiters, settled between Nantes and Rouen, for some time past have been receiving subsidies from the Fords through an agent in Havre. It is believed that this agent sheltered persons who committed the Victoria Station outrage and helped them to escape.

Fresh outrages are to be expected. The system of simultaneous explosions is to be kept up. But the dynamiters will proceed cautiously.

Of Donovan Rossa will drop in a few days, estimated at £30,000 at the end of a month, left him by Bracken, a Philadelphia barkeeper, supposed to have been concerned in the first Fenian movement. With this Rossa hopes to do wonderful things.

The explosions were planned in Paris at the residence of a well known Irishman living in a street near the Quartier des Invalides. Delegates, three in number, representing respectively the Irish dynamiters in America, in Great Britain and Ireland, attended the meeting.

It is an indisputed fact that the notorious John Morrissey, of county Carlow, who was a head center in the revolutionary movement of 1847 and the preceding years, has visited Paris, and he is believed to have taken part in the explosions.

M. Rochefort was very outspoken on the subject, and does not wonder at the occurrence of these outrages. "Far from believing that they are likely to stop," said M. Rochefort, "I think they will increase and multiply. For my own part I do not advocate such extreme measures as the dynamiters do, but I can understand them."

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—"Rossa is out," said Pat Joyce to half a dozen reporters who entered the office of the chief of the dynamiters. "He is looking after the publication of his paper. He will get out 150,000 copies this week. Here," flourishing a letter, "is an offer of \$15,000 from a prominent merchant of this city to help us in our work."

"What is his name?" "The devil a bit will I tell. When the English are ready to acknowledge the independence of Ireland, we will cease the use of dynamite in England. Let Gladstone, as a representative of his government, meet Rossa, representing the dynamiters, on some neutral ground, say Cuba, and there will be no need of further warfare. The prime minister and Rossa would soon come to an understanding by which England would never more be frightened with dynamite and Ireland would be free."

Rossa came in later and said he didn't know anything about Cunningham, the man who was arrested for complicity in the London explosions. In his paper Rossa submits a plan for firing London. It is to locate fifty men or women in lodging houses circling three or four squares, and to have them all fire the lodging houses at the same time. The rush of engines would blockade the streets and it might be a good deal of a fire.

A Convention of Dynamiters. LONDON, Jan. 28.—It is announced that a convention of dynamiters will be held in Paris in February, under the presidency of Rossa, jr., acting in behalf of his father. Delegates from Ireland, England, America, Havre, Boulogne and Antwerp will attend to prepare a plan for future action. It is thought that notifications in regard to outrages will be prepared and adopted. There is a growing feeling among dynamiters against further attempts on public buildings. Several contractors for the private sale of torpedoes will be present at the meeting, consequently it seems likely that torpedoes are to be purchased, and that the British navy will be the next object of the conspirators' attack.

The Standard says: "We ask no favor of the United States Government. We only ask our brothers across the Atlantic to do what they feel to be right. We wish for no measure incompatible with social freedom." The Standard also appeals to the British people not to wreck vengeance upon Irishmen for the acts of fanatics.

It May be Dynamite. MONTREAL, Jan. 28.—A suspicious looking box was found in the lobby of the postoffice here about 7 o'clock Monday evening. It was at once removed to the police station, where it now lies. The box is made of tin, weighs three pounds and is supposed to contain dynamite. There is considerable excitement over the find.

HIS FATAL DOSE.

How an Honorable Man Shuffled Off This Mortal Coil.

GALVESTON, Tex., Jan. 28.—It had been known to a few friends for several months that the firm of Wolston, Wells & Vider, cotton factors, were heavy borrowers, but the true condition of affairs was suspected by none. Mr. Wells went to his office Sunday morning and remained at his desk about two hours. The exact time at which he swallowed the fatal dose of morphia is not known.

About 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon Mrs. Wells noticed that her husband was passing into a comatose condition and hastily summoned physicians. About 11 o'clock that night the doctors succeeded in resuscitating him sufficiently to enable him to converse. He then told them that he had taken twenty grains of morphia, and again passed into a heavy sleep from which he never awakened.

Mr. Wells was a member of the firm of Wolston, Wells & Vider, and was president of the cotton exchange. He was the very embodiment of honor and to this fact is attributed his self-destruction. An intimate friend of the dead president says: "C. G. Wells was an honorable man. You must not think that the manner of his death indicates the least stain upon his honor and commercial integrity. He never did anything in his life that any man need be ashamed of, but he killed himself simply because he was too sensitive to fall because of financial disaster brought about by the ordinary misfortune and vicissitudes of commerce. No one imputes a single dishonest act to the unfortunate man. As president of the Island City savings bank, and with the knowledge of the members of the board of directors, he loaned his own firm the sum of \$150,000. He also befriended J. H. Blake, a cotton speculator, advancing him \$57,000 from the bank's funds. Those loans caused his death. The firm of Wolston, Wells & Vider lost heavily by last year's short cotton crop, and Blake lost everything in speculating. Both failures are complete. Wolston, Wells & Vider's assets will scarcely reach \$25,000. Their liabilities exceed \$300,000. Blake's liabilities are placed at \$100,000; his assets are almost nothing. The broken bank is in the hands of the sheriff under attachments from the district court for \$14,000. The liabilities of the bank, including the deposits, exceed \$500,000. One-half of the depositors are colored people. The bank offered a percent interest on deposits. Among the directors of the bank are Julius Runge, of Kaufman & Rung; Silvanus Blum, of S. Blum & Co.; Morris Tasker, of Allman, Lewis & Co., and Simpson Heidenheimer. These gentlemen are all worth \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 each. It is evident, therefore, that the depositors will be paid in full, but at a meeting of the directors it was determined to offer the depositors seventy cents on the dollar. The commercial stability of the city is shaken by these failures, which are the most disastrous known here, but it is not believed that another failure will occur. All other banks are prepared for a run on them, and some exciting scenes are anticipated before the doors of the broken savings bank.

A ROYAL CLERGYMAN

Defies His Superiors and Keeps His Parish in a Turmoil.

MINERSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 28.—Father M. P. O'Brien, pastor of St. Vincent Depaul's Catholic church here, has, since he has been here, kept the parish in a turmoil and was inclined to be arrogant and dictatorial. Some of his parishioners protest against his methods. He claimed to be a lineal descendant of Donal O'Brien, King of Limerick, and that his father's mother descended from the Carrolls of Lattalonna, Ireland, the parent stock of the Carrills of Carrollton. Among the other illustrious relatives he claims are William Smith O'Brien, the Irish agitator, Bishop O'Brien, of Waterford, and Bishop Kirby, of the Irish college. A confidant of Pope Pius IX Father O'Brien was once in charge of Brooklyn hospital at Philadelphia, and there did good work in correcting abuses. On account of the constant turmoil in this parish, Archbishop Ryan recently ordered his removal to Allentown. Rev. Father Beresford, the newly appointed pastor, arrived on Saturday. He found Father O'Brien still in charge, and determined not to surrender. On Sunday Father O'Brien said from the pulpit: "I know the question that is on your lips. It is not a pleasant one, though I will explain it. You heard rumors, and read in papers that I was appointed to be pastor at Allentown. I was appointed but I declined to take it. I had the choice of four churches in the diocese, but I declined to take any one of them. I will stop here. I will not leave this church, nor can the bishop or the pope remove me." The case is likely to be a repetition of the Father Stack imbroglio.

A Thunderbolt's Vagaries.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 28.—Mervine Thompson, the pugilist, known as the "Cleveland Thunderbolt," and who claims to be anxious to meet Sullivan, Monday night procured two revolvers and sallied forth in search of Duncan C. Ross, the athlete. He first visited Ross' saloon, but as his intended victim was absent he began to abuse those present, knocking several down, and frightening the rest with his revolvers. Ross says he can not account for Thompson's action and that last week he paid \$20 board bill for the "Thunderbolt" besides making him a present of \$12.

How the Deadlock May be Broken.

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., Jan. 28.—News has just been received that Senator Bridges, of Carrollton, democrat, has been stricken with paralysis and is dying. His death or continued illness will break the tie in the legislature, and it is said the democrats will filibuster against the senatorial election or an adjournment. Excitement over the situation is increasing.

A Malpractitioner's Sentence.

WORCESTER, Mass., Jan. 28.—"Dr." Franklin Pierce, who caused a woman's death by prescribing kerosene baths, has been sentenced to two years in the house of correction.

Cannot Refit in Hong Kong.

HONG KONG, Jan. 28.—The governor of Hong Kong, acting under instructions from the home government, has declined to allow the French war vessel "Triumphant," to refit at this port.

LUNATICS AMID FLAMES

PARTIAL DESTRUCTION OF THE INDIANA INSANE ASYLUM.

None of the Inmates Injured—Strange Case of Coma and a Funeral Postponed—Gen. Grant's War Relics Safe—Tom Ochiltree in Executive Session.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 28.—Shortly after 2 o'clock in the morning fire broke out in the engine room of the female department of the insane hospital, west of this city, and before the flames could be stayed they had destroyed the chapel, kitchen, bakery, engine-room, laundry, dining-room, employes' sleeping apartments, and officers' dining-room. These were contained in two brick buildings, in the rear of the main building, and nothing remains of them but the walls. The loss to the state will be about \$25,000. The state insures none of this property. The fight against the fire was made under great disadvantage, the water supply being scant. Supt. Fletcher and all the attendants behaved with remarkable coolness and efficiency. They aroused and dressed the patients in the exposed wards of the building preparatory to removing them to a safe place, should the flames reach the main structure.

Some of the wards in the center of the building, where the flames would have reached first, were vacated and the patients removed, but in the other wards the patients remained undisturbed. None of the 1,700 patients in the institution were injured, and there was no violent outbreak among them. The fire will seriously embarrass the management in the working of the institution until the buildings shall be replaced.

Strange Case of Coma.

LOUISVILLE, K., Jan. 28.—The startling discovery was made Monday morning that the body of Mrs. Carrie C. Ringold, who was awaiting burial, had turned in the coffin; the cheeks and lips had color, but the heart was still. As Mrs. Ringold had been in a trance twice before, and on both occasions came near being buried alive, there was considerable excitement in the neighborhood, her friends saying she is not dead. The body will be kept a few days, and if no signs of life is found will be interred in Cave Hill.

The circumstances of the cataleptic fit, or whatever it may prove to be, are somewhat strange. Last Saturday Dr. Beutel was called to attend and found her suffering intensely with what he thought heart disease. She grew worse till night, when she screamed and fell back on her pillow, her eyes fixed as one dead. The doctor or examination pronounced her so. As she had been sick several days her friends thought she was dead, and preparations for burial were made. The body was placed in a coffin, and a large number of friends were calling to take their last view of the dead when the above discovery was made.

Mrs. Ringold's maiden name was Young. When thirteen years old she married a man named Thatcher, shortly after going into a trance. For some months physicians were unable to say whether she was asleep or dead. When finally restored to health she married a second husband, named Snyder. She afterward returned to Thatcher for several months, and then deserted him. Three years later she married a man named Clearen, shortly after this again going into a trance for seven weeks. The grave was dug and the minister about to proceed with the service when it was discovered that she was not dead. Her fourth marriage was with Ringold. The case is decidedly interesting, and will be closely watched by physicians and others.

Gen. Grant's War Relics.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The deed of trust made by William H. Vanderbilt conveying Gen. Grant's war relics to Mrs. Grant in trust for the government, which comes into possession of them on the death of Mrs. Grant, was signed Saturday. The story of Mr. Vanderbilt's judgment against the general on a promissory note for \$150,000, and the attachment of the relics, has been told many times, but the schedule of the relics is now made public for the first time. In the list are many trophies of which no mention was ever made, including a Mexican onyx cabinet, presented by the people of Puebla; an acrolite, which passed over Mexico in 1871; elephant tusks, presented by the King of Siam; crackleware bowls, from Prince Koochu, of China; Arabian bible and Coptic bible, from Lord Napier, who captured them with King Theodoros of Abyssinia; gilt table modeled after the table in Mr. McClean's house, on which Gen. R. E. Lee signed the articles of surrender, presented by ex-Confederate soldiers; the freedom of cities in all parts of the world, swords, buttons and commissions, army and corps badges, camp medals, and pictures and busts of Gen. Grant.

Tom Ochiltree in Executive Session.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—When the senate went into executive session on Monday Representative Ochiltree, of Texas, was in consultation in the senate cloak room with Senator Jones, of Nevada, and Senator Maxey, of Texas. The three remained in conference for more than half an hour, during which time the senators discussed the treaty under consideration. Ochiltree left the cloak room and going upon the chamber floor went to Senator Coke to consult with him. The latter was conversing with Senator Vest, when Ochiltree tapped him on the shoulder. Senator Coke for the moment was non-plussed. Turning to Ochiltree he said: "What in the devil are you doing here? Don't you know we are in executive session?" Senator Vest laughed and warned Ochiltree not to let Senator Edmunds see him. "He'll arrest you and put you in jail," he continued. The assistant sergeant-at-arms appeared at this juncture, exhibiting much surprise at Ochiltree's presence. He asked questions, but taking the Texan by the arm hurriedly escorted him to the senate door, told him to "get out" and closed the door upon him.

Lately to Pass a Dividend.

MONTREAL, Jan. 28.—The report is again current, and it is thought that it will prove to be well founded, that the Canadian Pacific railway will pass its next dividend, soon coming due. This does not, of course, refer to the guaranteed dividend.

SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' SUFFERINGS.

Grave Charges Against the Knightstown Soldiers' Orphans' Home.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 28.—A sensational matter occupied the attention of the house. Speaker Jewett submitted a lengthy communication from John M. Gouar, of South Bend, formerly editor of the Newcastle Democrat, and trustee of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home and Institute, for feeble-minded children at Knightstown. He stated it is said, that he had written to Representative Williams, chairman of the committee on benevolent institutions, asking an investigation of the charge against him last summer, of having debauched one of the female inmates of the home, a soldier's orphan. To this Williams had replied that if he would resign the committee would report to the house a resolution complimenting his efficiency and services as trustee. This he declined to do, and now appealed to the house for an investigation. The communication then stated that Supt. White and his sons had been guilty of gross immorality at the institution with female inmates and employes, and that many things had occurred there which was a disgrace to the state and soldiers.

Mr. Moody offered a resolution referring the communication to a special committee to investigate, but Messrs. Hutton and Cory opposed any investigation based on Gouar's charges, and wanted the investigation confined to him alone. The matter was postponed until later for action. Mr. Williams stated that he had received no communication from Gouar, and denied having any communication with him on behalf of the committee or otherwise on the subject. The incident created a great sensation.

THE JOURNEY OF THE BELL.

Enthusiastic Reception at New Orleans—Jeff Davis' Address.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 28.—The old liberty bell has arrived safely in this city, amid the cheers of a great crowd assembled at the depot. A general holiday was observed in honor of the event, the municipal department and public schools being closed. A committee and guard of honor, made up of the local government, military and fire organizations and distinguished citizens accompanied the bell from the depot to the exposition grounds. The relic is placed for the present in the music hall of the main building, but its permanent place will be in the center of the government building. Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, formally delivered the bell into the custody of the exposition management.

A special train bearing the mayor, city officials, citizens and a part of northern and western visitors was to meet the old bell train at a small station a short distance outside the city. Some one of the northern passengers suggested that the train proceed as far as Beauvoir, the home of Jefferson Davis, and there meet the bell. This was agreed to and a telegram sent to Mr. Davis. At the depot he appeared in a buggy and was received with cheers. Mr. Davis made a short address, thanking the party for their consideration in inviting him to participate in the reception and do homage to the old relic and accepting the invitation to proceed with the train to New Orleans.

Hebrews Embracing Christianity.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 28.—Solomon Batt, a resident of this city for three years past, and Elias Grosfield, who has been upon American soil but five weeks, both Hebrews, have been converted to Christianity and admitted into the Methodist church. Batt, who is twenty-three years old, is a private tutor of Latin, Greek and Hebrew, and an honored graduate of the Cincinnati Hebrew Union college, holding the diploma over the signatures of Rabbi Wise and Solomon Bettman. Grosfield is also a fine Hebrew and Latin scholar, and son of an eminent Austrian linguist and educator. At present he is employed in a Hebrew printing establishment as compositor. Mr. Batt will in all probability be sent to Drew Theological Seminary, Boston, and his young friend, Grosfield, to the Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., for theological training, as both desire to enter the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Unhappy Lot of Tennessee Convicts.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 28.—Serious charges as to the treatment of convicts having been made, a resolution was offered in the house of representatives to appoint a joint committee to investigate them. The measure was referred. A similar resolution in the senate was adopted. It is charged that the sexes cohabit, that children have been born within the walls, that convicts are worked Sunday at a branch prison, that at the Tracy City mines some are brutally lashed unless they do certain work in a given time, and that the bodies of the dead are sent to medical institutes instead of being decently buried. After the introduction of the resolution a bill was offered to repeal the law authorizing the lease of the penitentiary.

Run Down at Last.

WACO, Tex., Jan. 28.—James K. Roby has been arrested in Indian territory. For many years previous to 1876 Roby had been sheriff and tax collector of Coryell county. He suddenly disappeared leaving behind his wife and taking with him a young girl. He was over \$20,000 short as tax collector in his accounts with the state and county. These creditors sued Roby's bondsmen, but very little of the money due was recovered. It was estimated he carried with him nearly \$40,000. Roby was often heard of in California and other places. The present sheriff of Coryell learned that the fugitive was living in the Choctaw Nation. Roby is now in the Gatesville jail.

A Detroit Society Man's Suicide.

DETROIT, Jan. 28.—Abram Spann, secretary of the Detroit Hops and Malt Bitters Company, was found in his office Monday morning, having deliberately hanged himself to a coat hook on the wall. The suicide has caused a great sensation, as Spann was one of the most popular and prominent young men of the city. He was a well known politician, an active member of the light infantry, and a leader in the best social society. Despondency on account of poor health and unfortunate speculations is supposed to be the cause. He was a young man of exemplary habits, and a model of correct behavior. He was to have been married in the afternoon.